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2. While traveling east in the Kara Strait [redacted] a tug with two lighters in tow. The tug had a yellow funnel without any markings. The lighters were each at least 1,000 tons. The tug and lighters appeared to be entering Baydaratskaya Bay. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] no [redacted] ice in the Kara Sea. On Vilkitsky Island (N 73-29, E 75-50) there is a radio beacon [redacted]. This beacon is not listed in the sailing directions.. [redacted]

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4.

[redacted] Navigating the Yenisey River was carried out with the aid of channel markers. These markers have lights which enable ships to travel at night.

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5. There is a good wooden pier at Igarka. Four ships of approximately 10,000 tons each can load there simultaneously. [redacted]

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The pier was equipped with an electric light which gave good steady illumination. There were crossed poles for mooring at the pier, but no cranes.

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7. The Igarka harbor assistant said that in winter the ice did not touch the pier. The reason for this is that during the winter and spring the water level of the river is far above the level of the pier. The high water markers on the shore, which indicate the maximum height of the water, decrease as one goes down river. At Igarka the high water markers are approximately 30 feet above the water level in summer. At the mouth of the river the high water markers are only two feet above the summer water level.

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9. The lumber supply in Igarka is located on a slope above the pier. Five roads lead from this supply area to the pier. Lumber was transported by the usual timber-carriers. The sawmill could not be seen from the pier and only a small part of the city was visible from there.

10. [redacted] several small tugs in Igarka. They had black funnels with a red stripe and the hammer and sickle painted on them. There were many lighters with cut lumber. Lighters of 700 to 800 tons were used to bring in cargo. [redacted] also [redacted] three sea-going tugs in Igarka, but [redacted] no oil tanks.

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11. There is an airfield on an island located beyond the lumber pier. This airfield cannot be seen from the pier. The island is approximately 40 feet above the water level of the river. Aircraft were seen every day at the airfield. There were many pieces of broken lumber around the island.

12. Approximately 1,000 meters north of the pier there is a small slip used by seaplanes. Three aircraft were seen there. All three were alike, being twin-engine aircraft with pontoon supports on the wings.

13. [redacted] there is a prison at a point somewhat south of the seaplane harbor. [redacted] high fences and two or three guard towers.

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14. [redacted] Dudinka (N 69-25, E 86-10) is larger than Igarka. [redacted] a long pier with cranes in Dudinka. The pier appeared to be new, and it was parallel to the river but with a distinct projection out into the river. There were three sea-going tugs at Dudinka. [redacted] three Soviet ships of 5,000 to 6,000 tons there. The pier could accommodate more than three ships. [redacted] the number of cranes at eight and [redacted] they were modern. There was also a locomotive on the pier. A short distance from the pier there was a coal storage area. A conveyor belt was set up from the coal storage area to the shore. At that point on the shore there was no real pier, but, instead, dolphins had been erected. [redacted] no oil tanks in Dudinka.

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15. [redacted] a Soviet Liberty ship sailing down the Yenisey River. The deck of the ship was loaded with locomotives and railroad cars. The ship had several gun platforms, two on the forecastle, two on the bridge, two on the boat deck, and one or two on the afterdeck. The ship was painted black but the gun foundations were painted yellow.

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16. There are several small towns along the Yenisey River. [redacted] one settlement on the west side of the river, north of Dudinka. He noticed radio masts and many watch towers there.

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17. Around Igarka there are some rather thick woods, although they are not fully grown. These woods became thinner farther north along the river. At Dudinka there is only scrub growth. North of Dudinka there is only tundra.

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